Dear Jim, 9/21/76

Close to suppertime, Lil found two of these cotton ribbons we'd both forgotten, this is about when JL calls, so with the new ribbon on (and perhaps still requiring one of Je's snaps at the other end) some explanations.

I do not expect all the carbons I send to interest. Some may.

The situation with the House is dangerous. Also a little challenging. They are going the wrong way, as usual and under the usual influences, with NBC added. I have not stopped to try to evaluate the chances of really doing anything because I reached a simpler decision, that the effort is essential.

There has not been time to stop for thinking. In this case the involvement of NBC, which is a wealthy crook, also seems to hold some potential.

It is what I regard as an intellectual judo situation.

If you see a rehash or the LATimes story or anything at all on this, I do hope you can send. My good LA source Paul is probably on locations. Haven't heard from him for a while. Without benefit of counsel I believe that NBC's taking credit for doing what I did so long after I put them on notice may have significance in the overall. Lane, of course, one would expect to.

One of the advantages of this situation, if it can be turned around, is the escape for the House people: they were imposed upon.

As you may have perceived, I'm in the middle of an effort to rethink my position and efforts. I can't remain in what you may not recall, what hereabouts is called a "Bermuda High." That is a stationary high centered over Bermuda and keeping it steaming hot hereabouts.

What I do not tell Bray in the long-shot hint about the WxPost is that they have had two of their top people on JFK for quite some time without coming up with a legit story. I've forgotten the second. The first is Larry Stern.

Having cut CBS off at the knees on its king/Ray part of the more recent foyr-parter I'm not as concerned about the waste of time in trying to do the same with NBC. And there is the actuality, that these excesses have put the position in which I must be very close to what can warm Post cockles. I think it is worth the risk.

I was sure I'd need that other snap!

I've seen no news story but I've heard that Jimmy Ray's civil suit vs McMillan, Time, etc., was thrown out of court. In time I may hear more from Jerry. Jimmy actually tells him little. He may send him the court papers on this.

As you will have noticed if you've been reading them, in my letters I've dropped Quinn. He did refer to her in his last tape, quoting her as saying she is not a high-priced or a high-classed whore, I don't now recall which. In the context of her CBS problems. I have no trouble believing that or that her troubles she did not create there. Surprising how forthright she seems to have been with him.

Here not J.L. but Les Payne called. Continued in a memo on it.

Best,